



THE CARLSBAD GOVERNMENT RAP™

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VERSE 1.

Carlsbad is a General Law City,
It'll all be explained in this rappin' little ditty.
We make and enforce our rules; it's great!
But we can't go against any laws of the State.
A Council and a Mayor and a Manager too,
And soon I'm gonna tell ya 'bout the jobs they do.
Refrain: Carlsbad, yeah I'm glad; Mmh I love livin' in Carlsbad!

VERSE 2.

The Council is a party of five, no more,
And they got to get voted to the chamber floor.
Adjudicate and legislate and budget too,
That's your Council workin' hard for you.
They hire us a Manager and At'-tor-ney,
Who carry out directives for the village by the sea.
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VERSE 3.

Every four years we gonna vote for a Mayor,
Servin' all the people and takin' good care.
Workin' with the Council of our fine ci-ty,
Fillin' boards and commissions and com-mit-tees.
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VERSE 4.

A Manager serves as the chief AO,
Five departments and a lot to know.
Community Services, Development's key,
Administrative, Public Works and Safety.
City workers workin' hard a thousand strong,
Full-time and part-time all year long.
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VERSE 5.

Now there's one last thing that you need to know,
And it's real important so I'll say it slow. **(STOP THE BEAT.)**
What the Council say – what the Council do,
Has got to be done in front of me and you. **(RESUME THE BEAT.)**
The Council's meetings are as public as can be
If ya can't make it down, they're on TV!
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